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CLEARANCE OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a number of proposals for setting up of power projects in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details therefor, State-wise;

(c) the number out of them cleared during the period and the latest position of remaining projects, year-wise & State-wise; and

(d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be cleared ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (d): As per the Electricity Act, 2003, the requirement of according Techno- economic Clearance by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has been dispensed with for thermal generation. However, any generating company intending to set up a hydro generating station shall prepare and submit to the Authority for its concurrence, a scheme estimated to involve a capital expenditure exceeding such sum, as may be fixed by the Central Government from time to time, by Notification.

Planning Commission has delegated full powers to State Governments for approval of power projects without any ceiling. Clearance from Planning Commission is to be restricted only to those hydro-electric projects where inter-State issues are involved.

As per information received from Central Electricity Authority (CEA), between April 2001 to June,2004, twenty three Hydro Electric Schemes were received in CEA. Out of these, fifteen have already been cleared and remaining eight have been returned due to non availability of essential inputs. There is, at present no proposal pending with CEA. The details of proposals received, cleared and returned are annexed.